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### Improvements in or relating to organic compositions

It has been known for a long time that house dust can trigger allergenic reactions in humans, such as asthma and rhinitis. It was reported, as early as 1928, that it was the dust mites in the dust that were the primary source of the allergenic response but it was only in the 60's that researchers appreciated its significance.

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It is believed that the faeces of the house dust mite, Dermatophagoides farinae (known as Der-f) and Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus (known as Der-p) trigger the immune responses of the body, thereby giving rise to well known allergenic symptoms.

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A review of this is given in Experimental and Applied Acarology, 10 (1991) p. 167-186 in an article entitled "House dust-mite allergen" : A review by L. G. Arlian.

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One way to overcome these allergenic response has been to vacuum surfaces, such as carpets, that contain the dust mites and their faeces thoroughly and often, but that is both time consuming (i.e. has to be regularly done if one wants to make an allergenic free environment) and is very dependant on the efficiency of vacuum cleaner and filter bag used e.g. micron filter bag or 2 layer vacuum bags.

An alternative method of creating an allergen-free 30 environment has been to denature the allergen, for example as described in US Patent No. 4,806,526. The

only effective method however of which we are aware is to apply tannic acid to the allergen. However, tannic acid can cause staining, and this is a particularly acute problem for light coloured carpets (e.g. white and light beige carpets) and other textile surfaces as tannic acid leaves a deep brown stain.

Therefore, we have been looking for allergenic denaturants which will not stain susceptible surfaces such as carpets and still deactivate the allergen.

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We have surprisingly found that deactivants are specific to the type of dust mite allergen being treated. For example an effective Der-f allergen deactivant will not automatically work effectively as a Der-p allergen deactivant.

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We have looked into Der-p allergen deactivants and have found only a select number of deactivants destroy the Der-p allergen, whilst at the same time not leaving a stain.

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According to the invention there is provided a method for deactivating a Der-p allergen comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more of deactivants (herein after defined as the deactivant) selected from

- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,

vi) silica gel ,

vii) potassium thioglycolate

viii) propylene glycol alginate,

ix) ammonium sulphate,

x) hinokitiol,

xi) glutaraldehyde,

xii) L-ascorbic acid,

xiv) chlorohexidine,

10 xv) maleic anhydride,

xvi) hinoki oil,

xvii) a composite of AgCl and TiO2

xviii) diazolidinyl urea,

xix) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,

xx) a compound of formula I,

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xxi) a compound of formula II

OCH<sub>3</sub>

$$CH_2$$
 $OCH_3$ 
 $OCH_3$ 

xxii) a polymeric compound containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III

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where n = 2 to 200.

In this Specification, the definition of the following compounds or compositions is given below:

A compound of formula I is commercially available as Aerosol OT.

A compound of formula II is commercially available as parsley camphor.

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Hinoki oil is a mixture of Thujan-3-one, 2-pinene, 3,5,7,3',4' pentahydroflavanone and 1,3,3,-trimethyl-2-norcamphanone.

Cedarwood oil, contains  $\alpha-$  and  $\beta-$  cedrene (ca 80%), cedrol (3-14%) and cedrenol. Other sesquiterpenes and some monoterpenes are also present.

Polyquaternium-10 is a polymeric quaternary ammonium salt of hydroxy ethyl cellulose reacted with a

trimethyl ammonium substituted epoxide commercially available as Polymer JR-125.

Silica gel is also known as colloidal silica or silicic acid and is commercially available as Kent.

5 Hinokitiol is also known as  $\beta$ -thujaplicin.

"Immobilised tannic acid" is tannic acid on polyvinyl pyrrolidone beads. "Immobilised Tannic Acid" is prepared as follows:

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100 mg of tannic acid dissolved in water, 50 mg of Polyclar 10 (ISP, Guildford Sumg) polyvinyl pyrrolidone beads were added and stirred for one hour. The beads were filtered off the solution and washed with a few mls of iced water until no colour was seen in the washings. They were then dried in the oven at 50°c.

The composite of silver chloride and  $TiO_2$  is made up of 20% wt/wt AgCl on 80%  $TiO_2$  3-5  $\mu m$  porous beads.

The amount of deactivant present is from 0.01 - 7%, preferably 0.01 to 3%.

Preferably the amount of deactivant present in such a method is from 0.5 oz to 5 oz per 10 yds², more preferably 1 oz per 11 yds² of area treated.

Preferably the deactivant is selected from hinoki oil, a composite of AgCl and TiO2, diazolidinyl urea 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,

N-methyl pyrrolidine
potassium thioglycolate
chlorohexidine
maleic anhydride and
glutaraldehyde
hinokitiol
silica gel
cedarwood oil
1-propoxy-propanol-2
aluminium chlorohydrate
immobilised tannic acid, and
L-ascorbic acid

Most preferably the deactivant is selected from maleic anhydride, glutaraldehyde and diazolidinyl urea.

- Further according to the invention there is provided an aerosol composition containing
  - a) a deactivant (hereinafter the Deactivant) selected from
- 20 i) cedarwood oil,
  - ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride
  - iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
  - iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
  - v) polyquaternium-10,
  - vi) silica gel,
- vii) potassium thioglycolate,
  - viii) propylene glycol alginate,
  - ix) ammonium sulphate,
  - x) hinokitiol,
  - xi) glutaraldehyde
  - xii) L-ascorbic acid,

- xiv) chlorohexidine,
- xv) maleic anhydride,
- xvi) hinoki oil,
- xvii) a composite of silver chloride and TiO2
  - xviii) diazolidinyl urea,
  - xix) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
  - xx) a compound of formula I, II or III defined
    above;

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- b) a propellant and
- c) optionally a solvent.
- Preferably the amount of deactivant present in such a composition is from 0.01 7%, preferably 0.01 to 3%,
  - Preferably the amount of propellant present in such a composition is 4-50%, more preferably 4 to 30%,
- Preferably the amount of solvent present in such a composition is 0 to 99.95, more preferably 0 to 90%, most preferably 20 to 90%.

Preferably the deactivant is selected from

25 hinoki oil,
a composite of AgCl with TiO2,
diazolidinyl urea,
6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
N-methyl pyrrolidone
maleic anhydride,
potassium thloglycolate

chlorohexidine,
glutaraldehyde.
hinokitiol
silica gel
cedarwood oil
1-propoxy-propanol-2
aluminium chlorohydrate
immobilised tannic acid, and
L-ascorbic acid

Preferably the propellant is selected from those commercially available, for example C<sub>1-4</sub> alkanes and hydrochlorofluorocabrons and compressed gases such as nitrogen air and carbon dioxide.

Preferably the solvent is selected from  $C_{1-6}$  alcohols (e.g. ethanol) or water.

In addition the composition may also contain one or more of the following  $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \end{tabular} \label{table}$ 

a fragrance, (preferably in an amount of 0 to 5%), more preferably 0 to 2%.

an antimicrobial compound e.g. alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium saccharinate (preferably in an amount of 0.01 to 1%)

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a surfactant (e.g. Dow Corning 193 Surfactant (preferably in an amount of 0.01 to 1%)

a corrosion inhibitor (e.g. sodium nitrite, sodium 30 benzoate, triethanolamine or ammonium hydroxide (preferably in an amount of 0.01 to 10%),

and/or

a miticide (such as benzyl benzoate, pyrethroid pemethrin, d-allethrin and optionally a synergist such as pipernoyl butoxide (preferably in an amount of 0.1 to 10%).

It has been found that deactivants of the invention have as effective allergen deactivating properties as tannic acid but without the drawback of staining.

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The invention will now be illustrated by the following Examples.

The test procedure in Examples 1 to 17 is as follows and is known as the ELISA protocol.

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The ELISA protocol for Der-P has been developed as follows as a measure of denaturing property for denaturants.

#### 20 ELISA Protocol 1

- 1. Dust is collected from Hoover (a trademark) bags and passed through a series of sieves down to 63 microns.
- 25 2. Clean petri dishes are labelled with the chemical to be tested (on the base), three replicates are used for each treatment.
- 3. Filter paper is used to line each dish and 0.2g of dust is added to each dish onto the filter paper. The lid (or base, as dishes are inverted) is replaced and

the dish is shaken to disperse of dust evenly over the filter paper.

- 4. 2% aqueous solutions of deactivant was used except for
- i) the silver chloride composite is used at 0.05%;
- ii) immobilised tannic acid is used as a 1%
   dispersion;
- iii) hinokitol is used at 0.5%.

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- Water insoluble deactivants are emulsified with surfactant (a sorbitol oleate surfactant (i.e. Tween)).
  - 5. The dust is sprayed with the corresponding treatment, 2 sprays are required for sufficient coverage(1 spray = 1.5ml).
  - 6. Leave uncovered at room temperature, in well aerated room, until filter paper is dry. This can take up to 4 hours.
- 7. Empty dust in epindorfs labelled according to treatment.
- 8. Add 1 ml of 5% Bovine Serum Albumen Phosphate Butter Saline - Tween BSA-PBS-T to each epindorf (5 times the weight of dust) (20ml of BSA-PBS-T =1g of BSA in 20ml of PBS-T).
  - 9. Leave overnight in the fridge.
  - 10. Centrifuge for 5 minutes at 13,000 rpm.
- 30 11. Decant the supernatant into a new epindorf

labelled according to treatment.

- 12. Centrifuge again for 5 minutes at 13,000 rpm.
- 13. Make up dilution's of 1:10 and 1:100 by adding
  100ul of neat solution to 900ul of 1% BSA-PBS-T (1:10).
  This is repeated using 100ul of 1:10 dilution and add
  to 900ul of 1% BSA-PBS-T for 1:100 dilution.

# ELISA Protocol 2 for Der p 1: Indoor Biotechnologies

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- 1. Prepare samples and dilutions as in protocol 1.
- 2. Prepare 500 ml of 50 mM carbonate/bicarbonate buffer by dissolving 0.795g Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 1.465g NaHCO<sub>3</sub> in 500ml of distilled water. Check the pH is at 9.6. (This solution is kept in the fridge in a conical flask).
- 3. Monoclonal antibody, this is kept in the freezer.

  (lug per well; llml is needed) has to be added to
  the buffer using the following method this is
  applied to the ELISA plate:
  - 11ml of carbonate/bicarbonate buffer is added to the dispensing tray.
- 11µl of Der P 1 monoclonal antibody

  (Stored in freezer, epindorf in use is in the fridge) is added to the buffer. To ensure that all the antibody is removed from the tip, wash out the pipette tip by sucking up and down I the buffer solution, gently stirring to mix thoroughly.

- 4. Pipette 100µl of the antibody solution into each well of the microtiter plate, cover with a plate sealer and leave overnight at 4°C.
- 5. Empty the plate by quickly inverting it over the sink, then dry by banging on a stack of paper towels.
  - 6. Add 200µl of wash buffer to each well: PBS/0/05% tween (PBS-T).

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- 7. Repeat stages 5 and 6 once more (making a total of 2 washes).
- 8. Make sure all the wells are dry, then add 100µl of

  1% BSA-PBS-T. Replace the plate sealer and incubate

  for 1 hour at room temperature\*.
  - 9. Repeat steps 5 to 7 (2 washes).
- 10.\*During the hour incubation period, prepare the
  20 allergen standards at dilutions between 125 and 1
  ng/ml Der f 1:
  - Add  $25\mu l$  of allergen standard (kept in the fridge in polystyrene box) to  $475\mu l$  of 1% PBS-BSA-T and mix thoroughly labelled '125'.

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- **250µl** of 1% PBS-BSA-T is added 7 further epindorfs which are labelled 62.5, 31.25, 15.63, 7.61, 3.9, 1.95 and 0.98.
- 250µl is taken from the 1st epindorf (labelled 125) and transferred to the next (labelled 62.5). This is mixed thoroughly.

- Using a new pipette tip, 250µl is removed from epindorf labelled 62.5 and transferred to 31.25, this procedure is continued down to the 0.98 concentration (125, 62.5, 31.25, 15.63, 7.61, 3.9, 1.95, 0.98)
- In total 475+(250x7)=2.3ml: 0.023g of BSA added to 2.3ml of PBS-T.

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- 11. Add 100µl aliquots of the allergen sample to the plate along with the standard allergen samples for the reference curve in duplicate. The standards usually go in the first two columns on the left hand side, with the least concentrated on top.

  Incubate for 1 hour.
- 12. Follow stages 5 to 6, completing a total of 5 washes.
- 13. Pore 11ml of 1% BSA-PBS-T(0.11g of BSA to 11ml of PBS-T) to the dispensing tray. Add 11µl of the biotinylated monoclonal antibody (fridge) and mix thoroughly.
  - 14. Pipette 100µl into each well and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.
- 15. Empty plate and wash as described in stage 12. (5 washes).
  - 16. Add 11ul of Streptavidin (freezer) to 11ml of 1%BSA-PBS-T. Pipette 100µl into each well and incubate for 30 minutes. Reserve any remaining solution in a vial.

- 17. Empty plate and wash as described in stage 12 (5 washes).
- 18. Make a solution of OPD, by putting the two tablets (in silver and gold foil) into 20 ml of distilled water (in a glass vial). Shake quite vigorously in the dark until the tablets have dissolved (Wrap the vial up either in tin foil or paper towel).
- 19. Add a small amount to the remaining solution from stage 16. Wait for a colour change (positive reaction). Add 200µl to each well and incubate for a minimum of 30 minutes in the dark.
  - 20. Read the plate at 450nm/405nm if filter not available.

#### Examples 1 to 26

The deactivants, as set out in the following table, were treated according to the above procedure and the results are as given below. Tannic acid was used as a comparator. What was measured after treatment with deactivant ant tannic acid was the amount of allergen active remaining after treatment. Also, the ratio of amount of active allergen remaining after treatment with deactivant is also given for some of the deactivants and active allergen remains after treatment with tannic acid.

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# Table

Example	Deactivant	Amount of active Allergen remaining after deactivant treatment	Amount of active Allergen remaining after no deactivant treatment but only vaccuming
1	Glutaraldehyde	816	3375
2	Polymeric dialdehyde	2792	3375
3	Cedarwood oil	3375	0009
4	hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride	2863	4992
5	Aluminium chlorohydrate	8.26	. 4992
9	1-propoxy-propanol-2	1233	4992
7	Silica Gel (Kent)	1540	4992
8	polyquaternium-10 (Polymer JR-125)	5463	6250
6	Propylene glycol alginate	3781	6250
10	Ammonium sulphate	2325	6250
11	Potassium thioglycolate	3092	3375

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Example	Deactivant	Amount of active Allergen remaining	Amount of
		after deactivant treatment	Allergen remaining after no deactivant treatment
12	Hinokitol (0.5%)	2058	3375
13	L-Ascorbic Acid	1438	5642
14	Immobilised Tannic Acid	1125	5642
15	Aerosol OT	4494	5642
16	Chlorohexidine	2281	4450
17	Parsley Camphor	2581	4450
18	Maleic anhydride	783	4450
19	Hinoki oil	1644	3400
20	Composite of AgCl and TiO <sub>2</sub>	1632	3400
21	Thymol	1500	3400

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Further samples were tested as above and compared against tannic acid. The ratio of actives remaining after deactivant treatment and actives remaining after tannic acid treatment are given below:

5	Deactivant	Ratio of actives remaining after deactivant treatment over those remaining after tannic acid treatment
	Germall II	1.5
	N-methyl pyrrolidine	4.0
10	Hinoki Oil	4.0
	Silver chloride/T <sub>1</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	3.5
	Thymol	4.0
	Chlorohexidine	3.0
	Maleic anhydride	1.0
15	Glutaraldehyde	1.5

In the table certain compounds are used that are defined as follows:

Polymeric dialdehyde is a compound containing 2-200 recurring units of the formula III.

Propylene glycol alginate is

Chlorohexadene is 1,1'-hexamethylene bis [5-(4-chlorophenyl)-biguanide

Hinokitiol is ß-thujaplin, a compound of the formula

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Aerosol OT is a compound of the formula

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Parsley extract is a compound of the formula

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Hinoki oil is a mixture of Thujan-3-one, 2-pinene, 3,5,7,3',4' pentahydroflavanone and 1,3,3,-trimethyl-2-norcamphanone.

Germall II is diazolidinyl urea and

Thymol is 6-isospropyl -m- cresol

# Examples 27 to 30

The following formulations can be made up as a compositions for use as an aerosol for deactivating der-p allergens).

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	Raw Ingredient Description	Item Classification	8
	By Weight		
5	Anhydrous Ethanol (SD Alcohol 40)	Solvent	79.646
	Alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium saccharinate	Cationic Surfactant	0.106
10	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.192
10	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.192
	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.096
	Deionized Water	Water/Solvent	15.768
15	Carbon Dioxide	Propellant	4.000
:	TOTAL		100.000

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	Raw Ingredient	Item Classification	<u>8</u>
	Description by Weight		
5	Anhydrous Ethanol (SD Alcohol 40)	Solvent	* 57.000
	Fragrance#17	Fragrance	0.0500
	Dow Corning 193 Surfactant	Surfactant	0.025
10	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.100
	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.100
	Deionized Water	Water/solvent	* 14.725
15	NP-40/Butane 40	Hydrocarbon propellant	28.000
	TOTAL		100.000

<sup>\* =</sup> May replace with 95% Ethanol (SD Alcohol 40) at 61.755% by weight and 9.970% by weight Deionized water

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	Raw Ingredient	Item Classification	<u>&amp;</u>
	Description by Weight		
5	Anhydrous Ethanol (SD Alcohol 40)	Solvent	79.646
	Benzyl Benzoate - an acaricide	Active/ester	4.600
10	Alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium saccharinate	Cationic Surfactant	0.106
	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.192
	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.192
15	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.096
13	Deionized Water	Water/solvent	11.168
	Carbon Dioxide	Propellant	4.000
	TOTAL		100.000

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	Raw Ingredient Description by weight	Item Classification	<u>%</u>
5	Anhydrous Ethanol (SD Alcohol 40)	Solvent	*57.000
	Benzyl Benzoate	Active/ester	4.600
	Fragrance#17	Fragrance	0.0500
10	Dow Corning 193 Surfactant	Surfactant	0.025
	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.100
	Corrosion Inhibitor		0.100
15	Deionized Water	Water/solvent	*10.125
	NP-40/Butane 40	Hydrocarbon propellant	28.000
	TOTAL		100.000

20 \* = May replace 95% Ethanol (SD Alcohol 40) at 61.755%
by weight and 5.370% by weight Deionized water.

#### CLAIMS

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- 1. A method for deactivating a Der-p allergen comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more of deactivants (herein after defined as the Deactivant) selected from
  - i) cedarwood oil,
  - ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride
- 10 iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
  - iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
  - v) polyquaternium-10
  - vi) silica gel,
  - vii) potassium thioglycolate
- viii) propylene glycol alginate,
  - ix) ammonium sulphate,
  - x) hinokitiol,
  - xi) glutaraldehyde,
  - xii) L-ascorbic acid,

  - xiv) chlorohexidine,
  - xv) maleic anhydride,
  - xvi) hinoki oil,
  - xvii) a composite of AgCl and TiO,
  - xviii) diazolidinyl urea,
- 25 xix) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
  - xx) a compound of formula I,

xxi) a compound of formula II

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 $CH_2$ 
 $OCH_3$ 

xxii) a polymeric compound containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III

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CH_2OH \\
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CHO \\
CHO
\end{array}$$
(III)

20 where n = 2 to 200

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- 2. A method according to Claim 1 in which the amount of Deactivant present is from 0.5 oz to 5 oz per 10 yds.
- 3. A method according to Claim 1 or Claim 2 in which the Deactivant is selected from

hinoki oil, a composite of AgCl with  $TiO_2$ , diazolidinyl urea and 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,

chlorohexidine,
N-methylpyrrolidone
potassium thioglycolate and
maleic anhydride
glutaraldehyde
hinokitiol
silica gel
cedarwood oil
1-propoxy-propanol-2
aluminium chlorohydrate
immobilised tannic acid, and
L-ascorbic acid

#### 4. An aerosol composition containing

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a) a deactivant selected from
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        i)
               cedarwood oil,
        ii)
               hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride
        iii)
               aluminium chlorohydrate,
        iv)
               1-propoxy-propanol-2,
        v)
               polyquaternium-10
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        vii)
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               L-ascorbic acid,
               "immobilised tannic acid", (hereinafter
       xiii)
               defined)
               chlorohexidine,
       xiv)
       xv)
               maleic anhydride,
       xvi)
               hinoki oil,
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               a composite of silver chloride and TiO2
       xvii)
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xviii) diazolidinyl urea, xix) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol, xx) a compound of formula I,

5 O octyl O octyl O octyl

and xxi) a compound of formula II

 $OCH_3$   $OCH_2$   $OCH_3$   $OCH_3$ 

20 and

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 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{xxii}}\xspace)$  a polymeric compound containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III

 $\begin{array}{c|c} CH_2OH \\ \hline \\ CHO \\ CHO \\ \end{array}$ 

where n = 2 to 200 (hereinafter defined as the Deactivant).

- b) a propellant and
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   c) optionally a solvent.
- 6. A composition according to Claim 5 in which the amount of Deactivant present in such a composition is from 0.01 to 7%, the amount of propellant present in such a composition is 0.05 to 3%, and the amount of solvent present in such a composition is 0 to 99.95%.
  - 7. A composition according to Claim 5 or Claim 6 in which the Deactivant is selected from
- 15 hinoki oil, a composite of AgCl with TiO, diazolidinyl urea, 6-isopropyl-m-cresol, chlorohexidine, maleic anhydride, 20 N-methyl pyrrolidine potassium thioglycolate hinokitiol silica gel cedarwood oil 25 1-propoxy-propanol-2-01 aluminium chlorohydrate immobilised tannic acid, and L-ascorbic acid

- 8. A composition according to any one of Claims 4 to 7 in which the propellant is selected from  $C_{1-4}$  alkane and carbon dioxide.
- 9. A composition according to any one of Claims 4 to 8 in which the solvent is selected from  $C_{1-6}$  alcohols (e.g. ethanol) or water.
- 10. A composition according to any one of Claims 4 to 9 in which the composition may also contain one or more of the following
  - a fragrance,
  - a surfactant (e.g. Dow Corning 193 Surfactant an antimicrobial agent (e.g.alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium saccharinate),
- a corrosion inhibitor (e.g. sodium nitrite, sodium benzoate, triethanolamine and ammonium hydroxide), and/or
  - a miticide (such as benzyl benzoate).
- 20 11. A method for denaturing a Der-p allergen substantially as herein described with reference to any one of the Examples.
  - 12. A composition substantially as herein described with reference to any one of the Examples.

#### **ABSTRACT**

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# 5 Improvements in or relating to organic compositions

A method for deactivating a Der-p allergen comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more of deactivants (herein after defined as the Deactivant) selected from

- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) potassium thioglycolate
- viii) propylene glycol alginate,
- ix) ammonium sulphate,
- 20 x) hinokitiol,
  - xi) glutaraldehyde
  - xii) L-ascorbic acid,
  - xiii) "immobilised tannic acid", (hereinafter
     defined)
  - xiv) chlorohexidine,
- 25 xv) maleic anhydride,
  - xvi) hinoki oil.
  - xvii) a composite of silver chloride and TiO,
  - xviii) diazolidinyl urea,
  - xix) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol
- 30 xx) a compound of formula I

O octyl
Na 3OS O octyl

xxi) a compound of formula II

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 xxii) a polymeric compound containing two or more of
 a recurring unit of the formula III

CH<sub>2</sub>OH
O
CHO
CHO
O
CHO

where n = 2 to 200

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